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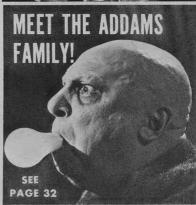
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OUR COVER: MUN-STERS or ADDAMS FAMILY? If you gasped wrong, turn in your eyeballs! That's rightthe ADDAMS FAMILY!













"MY STORY BEGINS WITH MY FRIEND JONATHAN HARKER ARRIVING AT THE HOME OF COUNT DRACULA, IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE OF TRANSILVANIA ..."



"AS HE NEARED THE CASTLE WALLS THE BIRDS STOPPED THEIR SINGING, AND THE TEMPERATURE SEEMED TO DROP SUDDENLY,"





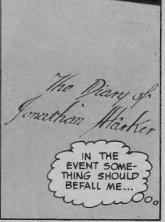
"HARKER AND I HAD DEVOTED OUR LIVES TO THE STUDY OF THE UN-DEAD AND THE MEANS TO DESTROY THEM..."



"HIS REASON AND PURPOSE AT CASTLE DRACULA WAS TO BRING TO A CLOSE DRACULA'S LONG REIGN OF TERROR..."



"... WHICH WENT BACK FOR MORE THAN EIGHT CENTURIES ...



"IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT COUNT DRACULA MADE HIS APPEARANCE..."





"LIKE A TALL STEEL FIGUREHEAD HE PRO-CEEDED DOWN THE STAIRCASE ... HE DIDN'T FEEL THE COLD, OR SENSE ANYTHING, ASIDE FROM HIS SINGLE PURPOSE ...







"AS THE HOURS PASSED HARKER BECAME NERVOUS. PRACULA HAD ACCEPTED HIM AS A MAN WHO WAS TO WORK ON HIS BOOKS, BUT HIS STATE OF MIND MADE HIM INQUISITIVE, SO HARKER VENTURED DOWNSTAIRS TO THE LIBRARY...



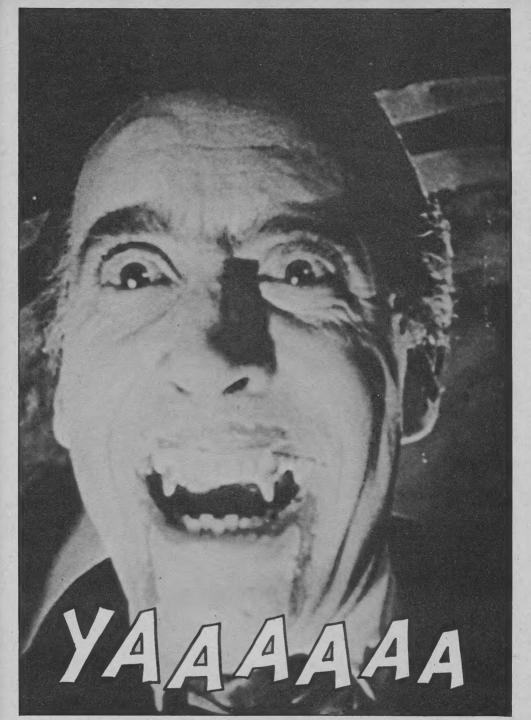
WHERE A YOUNG WOMAN POSSESSEP WITH FEAR BEGGED HIM TO HELP HER ESCAPE FROM THE SECLUSION OF DRACULA'S CASTLE...

YOU WILL HELP ME, WON'T YOU? SAY YOU WILL! YOU MUST!

BUT I AM HERE AS A GUEST... WHAT POSSIBLE REASON DO I HAVE TO HELP YOU?











"THE WOUNDED HARKER STOOD IN A STATE OF PARALYZED HORROR AS THE BLOODSTAINED COUNT IN A MAD RAGE ATTACKED THE VAMPIRE GIRL."











"UPON WAKING SEVERAL HOURS LATER HARKER BECAME AWARE OF THE FATE THAT AWAITED HIM.



"HARKER CARRYING HIS TOOLS, STOLE INTO DRACULA'S CRYPT AND SET OUT THEN TO COMPLETE HIS TASK."





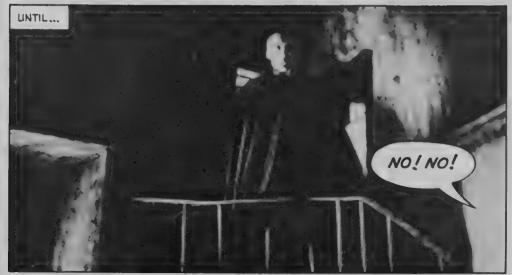




HARKER STOOD OVER THE COFFIN FOR SEVERAL MINUTES IN A STATE OF FIXED HORROR..." "...NEVER THINKING
OF THE TIME FOR
AS THE SPIRIT
OF THE GIRL
WAS RELEASED,
COUNT DRACULA
AWOKE FROM
THIS DAY LONG
SLEEP...
UNOBSERVED
BY HARKER."







"I FOUND HARKER IN THAT SAME CRYPT DAYS LATER AND HAD FREED HIS SOUL, I THEN RETURNED TO BREAK THE NEWS TO HIS FIANCEE LYCY.



"I HAVE BROUGHT HIS DIARY. I AM SURE YOU WOULD POUBT MY WORP... BUT NOT JONATHAN'S ... IN HIS OWN WRITING..."







"... A FIGURE ON A MAN CENTURIES OLD, LIVING OFF THE BLOOD OF HIS VICTIMS..."



"... A MAN WITH REVENGE ON HIS MIND... HARKER HAP KILLED THE GIRL AT HIS CASTLE..."



"NOW DRACULA WAS REPLACING HER WITH DEAD HARKER'S FIANCEE.."









"AFTER SEFING POOR LUCY, I KNEW WHAT STEPS HAD TO BE TAKEN, BUT SEVERAL DAYS LATER LUCY VENTURED FROM HER RESTING PLACE AND AND TOOK GERDA'S

CHILD.



"HOLMWOOD HAD FOLLOWED ME TO HIS SISTER'S CRYPT AND FROZE IN HORROR AS I BACKED HER OFF..."



"WITH THE CROSS AND PRESSED IT TO HER FOREHEAD."



"LEAVING A BURN MARK OF THE SAME IMAGE... A MARK THAT REPELS ALL VAMPIRES..."













"AFTER WE FINISHED OUR DEED HOLMWOOD AND I TRIED TO FIND DRACULA'S HIDING PLACE ... BUT IN OUR ABSENCE HE FOUND MINA...





"... AND HIS CRAZED MIND PLOTTED A MUCH MORE DIABOLICAL REVENGE ... "



"FOR MINA HOLMWOOD WAS TO BE DRACULA'S NEW VICTIM ...





"NEITHER ARTHUR OR MYSELF KNOWING OF MINA'S ENCOUNTER WITH DRACULA, RETURNED TO HOLMWOOD'S HOME."









"I LEFT A CRUCIFIX IN THE CASKET. AND AS I DID SO DRACULA CARRIED MINA OFF AND LEFT IN A COACH..."



"WE THEN SPED BY COACH BACK TO CASTLE DRACULA... KNOWING THAT IN ORDER TO SAVE MINA, TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE;"



"FOR IF DRACULA WAS TO HIDE WITHIN THOSE WALLS WE WOULD NEVER FIND HIM... THANK HEAVEN, WE ARRIVED IN TIME..."



"DRACULA RAN INTO THE CASTLE, AND I PURSUED HIM. HOLMWOOD RAN TO HIS WIFE'S SIDE..."





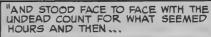














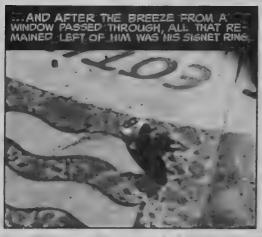
















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FOR

The Mind Reading Monster, Bulla Lugosi, shown in this space, has picked a lot of readers to show them pix they'd like to see before they even write in requesting them. What's that?—you don't see any foto of Bulla? That's because he's an invisiBULL, you see!!!





Here's THE MAN WHO TURNED TO STONE for Ted Dunn, Bill Kolmeyer, Carmen Finamore, Lawrence Coursey, Mike Schultz, Rick Miller, Greg Steele, Mike Merry, Tom Jones, Ron Baker & Gregory Zatirka



THE REVENGE OF THE CREATURE Brown Universal Studios) for Geo. Fainus, Bill Spears, Jeramy Bethal, Jay McCabn, Jim DeCasare, Royce Gest and Fernando & Richard Hill.

IT ASKED FOR YOU!

MARK OF THE VAM-PIRE (with Bela Lugosi) for Gary Scott, Don B. Dunham, Ted Korzep, Mike Clark, Tetsu Yano, Michael Forrest Murphy & Kerry M. O'Connor.





A movie poster for TARANTULA is shown for Tom Scofield, Randie Hays, Jas. Kelly, Ray P. Toczek, Steven Schroeder, Jas. Nardulli, David Cox & Oscar Garner



Lugosi as the mad scientist (Dr. Vornoff) in BRIDE OF THE ATOM for Rusty Arquette, Mike Schlesinger, Barbara Brewer, Bill O'Connell, Jerry Dowell, Brad Jeanes, T. C. Copple, Mark Sanne, Ricky Schanbacher & Sam Schaal



The robot from THE PHANTOM CREEPS is shown for Kenneth Lipier, L. Benade, R. LeCompte. Diane Cataldo, Bert Campbell, Ann Virant, Myron Kingston & Walt h. Willis.

George Zucco attempts to tame the beast in MAD MONSTER for *1 om Beauregard, Ned Sublette, Jori Cohen, Douglas Bartha, Scott Kingston & Jon Berg.*





FOR MANY MONTHS a rumor floated around that Universal Pictures was going to shoot a "Munsters" feature film. Now, finally, the studio has admitted it.

They'll be using the regular cast from the popular Thurs. nite TV series and the shooting will be from 18-25 days. Title: MUNSTERS, GO HOME.

ROMAN POLANSKI'S horror drama REPULSION ran into some problems in Paris, due to its violence, but then got clearance and opened to good reviews & fabulous business.

Polanski recently started filming a take-off on vampire pix for MGM, with Akim Tamiroff heading the cast.

Film is titled THE VAMPIRE KILLERS, with location work being done in Northern Italy. Polanski was actually considering taking the cast & crew to the infamous Romanian province of Transylvania—just for authenticity. But then he got verbal reports that the countryside didn't look at all like It was supposed to! Not satisfied, he sent a photographer to take location fotos, and when he saw them, his plans folded up

"I've gone thru a stack of over 75 fotos and looked at over 300' of film, all taken of Transylvanian landscapes," he said, "... and I'm

like a vampire at dawn.

disappointed. Western Romanian scenery bears a remarkable resemblance to that of Western Pennsylvania! It just doesn't seem to me like the type of place where werewolves & vampires run loose." Polanski added that "It seems like a nice enough place to live but I wouldn't want to do a movie there."

THREE FAVORITE "sons of fantasy" were born in June: Basil Rathbone on the 13th (happy birthday!) in 1892; H. Rider Haggard, of SHE fame, in 1856; and the late Peter Lorre on the 26th in 1904.

LLOYDS OF LONDON, which has garnered a heap of publicity for itself and others by issuing far-out insurance policies (remember Bill Castle's MACABRE stunt?), is taking awhile to think over the latest request, from director Stanley Kubrick. Kubrick wants insurance against "the discovery of extraterrestrial beings" prior to 1967, when his Metro roadshow 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY goes into release.

Kubrick predicts this film will go down in the annals of imagimovie picture history, along with such classics as WAR OF THE WORLDS, DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL and THE TIME MACHINE.

Considering there's \$5,000,000



being poured into this Cineramastyled production, I'm inclined to believe him.

"2001" is the creation of farfamed author Arthur C. Clarke and Kubrick, who directed DR. STRANGELOVE. In their peeks into the 21st Century, they reveal a world in which man has given up the smoking habit and instead uses a non-habit-forming substitute; where the day's newspapers & magazines become automatically available at the push of a button; with an electronic newspad for visual treatment of news and, of course, telephones with tv-size screens.

In his endeavors to weld fact with fiction, Kubrick is placing unusual emphasis on authentic set designing. These are being prepared with expert aid from more than 40 top industrial & scientific concerns in the U.S. & Europe.

Completion is expected by the beginning of June.

FANS WHO are eager to see this futuristic spectacular, and can't wait till it's released early in 1967, can catch a sneak preview at the 24th World Science Fiction Convention in Cleveland over the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2, 3, 4 & 5). The preview film clips will be accompanied by a commentary by the film's co-author, Arthur C. Clarke.

For convention membership & further info, send \$3 to: 24th World Sci-Fi Convention, POB 1372, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

A gala "Monstercon Luncheon" is also on the planning boards for horror fans attending the Cleveland get-together. Complete details will be furnished in this column as soon as a "Ghost of Honor" has been chosen.

THE PLAYHOUSE - ON - THE-GREEN, outdoor theater near Columbus, Ohio, will open its 12th season June 13th with a 2-week run of "Arsenic & Old Lace".

The play originally broke all attendance records when it ran on Broadway during the early 1940s with Boris Karloff as the star.

Bela Lugosi later toured with the play from Boston to San Francisco in 1944.

ISLAND OF TERROR is the new title for THE NIGHT THE SILI-CATES CAME.

FRANKENSTEIN & THE IN-CREDIBLES is a musical monster series being readied for TV.

A COUNT DRACULA-like character is played by Martin Landau in a segment of THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E.

BORIS KARLOFF will be back in a re-release of DICK TRACY MEETS GRUESOME.

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FAMILY THAT SLAYS TOGETHER. STAYS TOGETHER.

MEET THE ADDAYS FAMILY.

addams & evil

once upon time only readers of New Yorker magazine were aquainted with the Addams Family. In captioned cartoon form. Then somebody got the bright idea why should only New Yorkers enjoy the weird doings of this farout family? What about old Yorkers? And little porkers? Something for everyone of every age

And so The Addams Ramily became the rage on television

Gomez Addams III played by John Astin Gomez is strange & amusing character, mixture III pixie & mystery plus I touch III ex ice, topped by a sneering mustache Actor Astin 'always' was an Addams fan and plead to have III part in the series. It real life he is the father of 'a young sons and his hobbies include reading writing, photography a chess.





The spider nose!

Uncle Fester is played by 51-year-old Jackie Coogan who has been in show biz for 49 years! His principal hobby is flying (8500 hours in the air!). As Uncle Fester he abhors the outdoors, does a little moonbathing but never long enough to fill his lungs with fresh air. In real life he's just the opposite, having to don pasty make-up to play the indoorsman. In 1929 he introduced surfing to the West Coast and got Buster "Flash Gordon" Crabbe & Johnny "Tarzan" Weissmuller interested in same.

female fiends

Morticia is played by delicia Carolyn Jones. In the backyard of her grim foreboding mansion she loves to tend her garden of hemlock & poison ivy. She is undoubtedly the only woman in America who has The Thing (more about The—that's his first name—later) as a household helper. "That make me," she says, "the only authority on how to treat a disembodied hand with courtesy and at the same time command its respect." The curtains in her drawing-&-quartering room are black rather than yellow because, she explains, "Black is so much more cheerful." Some years earlier she played in the 3D Vincent Price thriller, HOUSE OF WAX, in order to get ready for her role in what might be called "The House of Yaks."

Carolyn also plays her own sister! As Ophelia Frump she is an older, maiden lady who wears a garland (notto be confused with judy) of buttercups on her blond & stringy hair. She likes to play karate & jujitsu. When excited, she may talk backwards, at which point Gomez stands on his head to understand her.

Then there is Granny Frump . . . And little Wednesday Addams (nobody would



They Axed For It.

conceivably be named Tuesday). Played by Lisa Loring, she loves to play with headless dolls.

Grandma Addams is played by Blossom Rock.

· tall 'n' small

A towering 6'9" in his stalking feet is Ted Cassidy, who plays Lurch.

Small boy Pugsley is played by Ken Weather-

wax.

A "small" problem arose when it was necessry to find a coffin large enough for Lurch to recline in. Ruby Levitt, set decorator, recalls that: "We were told in mid-afternoon that htis prop would be needed first thing in the morning. In this business we have a philosophy of 'somehow we will find it.' We did—in the nick of time. It was from Las Vegas and had been built for a tall showgirl. By attaching a separate base with a dummy bottom we gained a necessary 18" so Lurch could stand upright, then walk from the case."

Smallwise, of course, 8-year-old playmate Woodrow might be said to be a little bit littler than Pugsley. Let's face it: he's invisible! He gets in everyone's hair by spoiling card games and such but he may be the only one in the household who could beat The Thing at chess.

The Thing & Itt

Mr. The Thing (it appears to be a he, this disembodied hand) gathers mail from the ghostbox. As the giant butler Lurch finishes playing a piece on his harpy's-chord, The Thing silently appears out of nowhere to close the music album. "He" writes letters for Uncle





Look out! It's Blossom Rock and her slingshot!

Fester with a quill pen. The old-fashioned telephone rings and The Thing takes the receiver off the hook and hands the instruments to his master, Gomez. The Thing presents Gomez with his hat when he is leaving the house and puts it back on its proper rack upon his master's return.

Thing's use of the traditional "OK" sign, thumb & forefinger formed in circular fashion, indicates he understands questions and responds to them.

The show's producer, David Levy, explains The Thing this way: "There's no doubt he has a mind—an inventive one with an appreciation of music and a sense of gratitude, despite his offhand (oops!) attitude at times.



Ted Cassidy hits the harpsichord.

The Thing is merely part & parcel of life in the midst of the Addams family. He is present because at one time the family decided life could be more—addams—if they had a 'thing'. So they simply went out and got one."

Tiny Cousin Itt has hair to the toes and wears an everpresent bowler hat. Felix Silla plays the kookie cousin. "And boy is it hot with all that hair!" says Felix. "I'm a walking steembath. It's a shaggy dog's life."

steambath. It's a shaggy dog's life."
Other members of the family include Aunt
Trivia, Grandpa Squint, Aunt Bloop and assorted cousins named Crimp, Rancid, Flub &
Cringe.

Wacky?

You might call it a Wacks Museum!



Turn Page!

1,000,000 B.C.

RAY HARRYHAUSEN'S original sketch from ONE MILLION YEARS B.C., flown to us from London, shows how his animated brontosaurus will come to life in the eagerly awaited remake of ONE MILLION, B.C. Here the pitifully small weak cavemen pit their



puny strength against a moving mountain of flesh abone, 70° long, 25 tons in weight and possibly, some paleontologists say, 200 years old! One of many thrilling things to come in Hammer's great prehistoric pic, to be released in the USA by 1,000,000 BC-Fox oops, 20th Century-Fox! (Note: See the Allosaurus from the same film in current issue #39 of our companion magazine, FAMOUS MONSTERS.)



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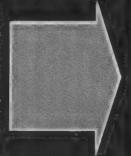
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SAUTES SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE



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Born a destor's son on 19 February 1893 in the term of Staurbridge England, the great actor state and bed of respiratory alments in the New York University Medical Center on 5 August 1954

Sai to relate this distinguished gentleman of stage, severa & severy lived his last few works in long mass with a federa actor. Had only the first asser fans of the will been aware of this trage situation we of MW are critical they would have tome to his aid & coclept as they influent their letters of theer & appreciation to the late Edward van Noor.

is many respects the notion partire roles of Sir Cestric parallelled those of Mr. Van Soan Never an oute plat mention he was only our associaty a villa mand marries as scientist or someone of culture. His pressure in the partire was always a strong pass factor.

"fiends" were his friends

He worked with the greatest did Sir Cedric, Remember han as Ludwig Frankenstein brigher of Wall and son of litery Frankenstein Universal's 1942 production of VHE 1810ST OF FRANKENSTEIN in the acted with Belat Ligius, Loui Change & Lioner Atwill And remember the christic were in the laboratory when Dr. Behaver (Louise Atwill) assisted her in transfer and young brain of a risk manual Kettering.

What I have does Sir Cedric cas Dr. France testing emitted, and the gentle world Kellering's brown in an investmental bed body! I will be so him strong! I will preced him as the gradest force for good that man has ever head?

What I odding Fractionstein did not know was that the warred brain had been taken from the warred between Ygur and electrosted for the normal brain Momenta before he learned of the betterdoos act, he enthused to Erik (Ralph beliamy) "What I have done Erik I have done in the name of a case & himanist I may I aim ready to receil to the a roll-my misuse! I have my misuse! I have given the creature a bruin, a great brain. Y a and see for year seed.

He turns to the Monster Who am If he asas

The answer comes in an alarmingly familiar vince, strangely accented a gutteral. You are Dr. Frankenstein.

And you you are ? Frankenstein cries, fearing to know the answer.

Frankenstein is crusted as he hears the

Sinster typy

Wey I you but am Ygot' My brain nou

were I you to it am Your My brain his commands an indestructive to a f My commenter I be you see Etherhenstein! I am his your master of everyone I touch!

Sir Cedrie shrinks in upon himself. Dear Coal he existing a half have I done? The cross of my father is now miss but a thous and stall.

Sir Cedine was cast with both Bone kerloff & Ernest Thousan when he pertrayed the role of a streed lawyer Broughton in the early medical and the early medical and the British 1963) in the early natural flore sever revived in America, Karloff played Frofessor

revived in America, Karloff played Fridessor Morlant, a repellant oil mar, whose excentrables were carried to condideath and after wards he is the unrannily powerful & active figure that rises from a catalogic trance to apread terror & good arrong his every as

Frost Theoger as Lairy the club-bested Scotch servant, contributed very largely to the certains of the development

But the most remostic so strait was Codere Him while Brown to a flawless study of a crue & attack was man

Vincent Proces Invisible hands sent Sir Cedne to ble deam in THE INVISIBLE MAN RETURNS, wherein he played the sinister Richard Cobb.

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Quasimodo (Charles Laughton) had to contend with him as the evil Frollo in the 1939 version of THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME.

He was the evil Archdeacon Frollo in Charles Laughton's version of THE HUNCHBACK OF NATRE DAME, RKO 1939.

Jack the Ripper was his deadly houseguest in THE LODGER when he portrayed the

bewildered Robert Langley.

Together with Geo. Sanders & Hurd Hatfield he lent stature to the superb production of THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY when MGM filmed this chilling classic in 1944.

He knew Peter Lorre thru their mutual

David Bruce as THE MAD GHOUL (1943) menaced the late Sir Cedric Hardwicke.



appearance in THE STORY OF MANKIND,

in fact attended Lorre's funeral.

He got to know "Dr. Moreau" (Chas. Laughton) and "Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde" (Fredric March) during the filming of LES MISER-ARLES

He even acted with the great Conrad Veidt, star of THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI & THE MAN WHO LAUGHS, in the early British films BELLA DONNA & ROME EX-

PRESS.

He was the menace of many a Hitchcock production, entertained for many hours in THE TWILIGHT ZONE and was the star of an outstanding hour-long teleplay called Mr. Crane in which he portrayed with distinction the lead character, a messenger from another world far more civilized than ours who came to earth to try to avert Atomigeddon, The Final War of nuclear destruction. The editor of this magazine personally saw this telecast twice and thought it and Sir Cedric's performance were of Emmy calibre.

Hardwicke & Wells

HGWells was, among other compliments, called The World Brain. Twice Sir Cedric interpreted visions of that mighty mind.

It was Hardwicke's compelling voice that narrated a number of Wells' own words at the beginning of THE WAR OF THE WORLDS. As exciting astronomical paintings by Chesley Bonestell thrilled the eye, the powerful mesmeric voice of Sir Cedric thrilled the ear.

Remember?—No one would have believed in the latter decades of the 20th Century that this world was being watched keenly & closely by intelligences greater than man's . . . that as men busied themselves about their various concerns they were being scrutinized & studied, perhaps almost as narrowly as a man with a microscope might scrutinize the transient creatures that swarm & multiply in a drop of water.

Looking across space with instruments, and intelligences such as we have scarcely dreamed of, they saw, at its nearest distance only 35,000,000 miles sunward of them, a morning star of hope, our own warmer planet, green with vegetation and gray with water, with a cloudy atmosphere eloquent of fertility.

Across the gulf of space, minds that are to our minds as ours are to those of the beasts that perish, intellects vast & cool & unsympathetic, regarded this earth with envious eyes, and slowly & surely drew their

plans against us.

Who, too, can ever forget Sir Cedric as the arch reactionary, the mad Theotocopulos of the 21st Century, who wanted to halt the world in its tracks, kill progress, as he cried out at the conclusion of THINGS TO COME against the launching of the mean validation.

against the launching of the moon vehicle:
"There is the man who would offer up his daughter to the Devil of Science!" he shouted accusingly at Oswald Cabal (Raymond Massey). "We want to save these young people from your experiments. We want to put an end to this inhuman foolery. We want to make the world safe for men. We mean to destroy that gun!"





The Great Karloff (shown here in TOWER OF LONDON, 1939) haunted Hardwicke in many of the early Universal thrillers

And moments later: "How can we be safe when you & your science are perpetually changing life for us—when you are everlasting-ly rebuilding & contriving strange things about us? When you make what we think great seem small. When you make what we think strong seem feeble. We don't want you in the same world with us. We don't want this ex-

of Sir Cedric Hardwicke, who: Was knighted in 1934.

Became a Captain in the British Army,

was gassed during World War I.

Made his stage debut at the age of 18 as a gravedigger in Hamlet, then jumped to the role of Caesar in the stageplay of Caesar & Cleopatra.



THE INVISIBLE MAN RETURNS (in Universal's 1939 production) to menace the gentleman whom we honor in this obituary.

pedition. We don't want mankind to go out to the moon & the planets."

Theotocopulos flings out his arm in a dramatic gesture of defiance. "We shall hate you more if you succeed than if you fail!" he shouts across the gulf at Cabal.

Poor Theotocopulos, powerful but pitiable, a throwback to the 20th Century, a fanatic lost in the Brave New World of tomorrow. As Sir Cedric portrayed him, he will never be forgotten.

And so . . . we come to the end of the life

In 1960 was honored as "Stage Father of the Year."

Appeared in approximately 50 films.

Was twice married and left a teenage son, Michael, and an older son, Edward, the latter an actor with the National Theater Company.

A great asset to any film he was in and a special boon to us who appreciate the finer elements in fantastic films.

A modern knight who went into the long night of no returning but whose image will be ever bright on the silver screen where he will long endure as a prince among players.

END 45



FANG MAIL

PRIZES this issue to JOHN L. MULLET of Rantoul, Ill.; NORMAN H. DICHMAN JR., Moraga, Calif.; & TOM MULA, Monticello, Ill. for best letters, most helpful suggestions or most useful contributions.

DEDICATION: This issue is gratefully dedicated—possibly for the 3d time?—to JOHN BRUNAS. But we can't help it if he keeps on being so fantastically loyal & helpful! THANZAMILLION, JOHN!

BEHIND THE #8-BALL!

#8 was good up to JESSE JAMES MEETS FRANKESTEIN'S DAUGHTER. I tore off the rest and kept the DR. X and THE MONSTER'S VICTIM articles.

One of your readers asked whether Lugosi was one of the pilot of the first air raid in RETURN OF THE VAMPIRE. I took a snapshot of the scene when it appeared on Weird, Weird World, and analyzed it. NOT Lugosi. Lugosi's face had memore acquiline appearance.

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After reading THE GOLEM, I was inspired to do some research on the films and found out some interesting stuff. The story basis of the first GOLEM was from a book of the same name by Gustav Meyrink, now available as a paperback. GOLEM II (HOW HE CAME INTO THE WORLD) had as cameraman Karl Freund (of later METROPOLIS, DRACULA, MUMMY fame) and set de-



BELA LUGOSI

signer, Hans Poelzig. Does the latter name ring a bell? Karloff's name maybe in THE BLACK CAT? Odd coincidence that Edgard G. Ulmer was also a cameraman in the same film—and later in 1934 directed and helped write screenplay for BLACK CAT! The name Poelzig is odd; now, come on!

WM. HENRY ROSAR San Marino, Calif.

 Looks like you stumbled onto something there, Bill. Will have to call you "Eagle Eyes".



Michelle W.

KINDER-GORDON MONSTER

I have just finished reading the April issue of your companion magazine, FM, and I'm sorry to say that it was LOUSY!!! Your CURSE OF THE DEMON monster looked like a fugitive from a kindergarten Halloween party! Seriously, I have been and I was very disappointed to find the pages of the Apr. issue bare of any mention of the classics such as FRANKENSTEIN or DRACULA. Did your staff ever hear of Bela Lugosi or Boris Karloff? From the magazine you wouldn't think so! (We checked, and right you are—nobody on the staff ever heard of them. Strange sounding names—some sort of foreigners? We take it they are language teachers of yours, or editors of amateur filmonster magazines, or—? Do tell us more about them—and send us a picture of Mr. Korloff & Mr. Logusi. We hope we spelled their names right. If their faces look scary enough we might give them a break and publish one in one of our magazines. Of course, we can't

The feature INVASION OF THE SAUCERMEN was TERRIBLE!!! This particular movie is more of m kiddies' comedy and shouldn't even be mentioned in the same breath with a true horror movie. How about metal true tradition? I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated. VINCENT VENTONE

Turtle Creek, Penna.

RAH!

I have never written ■ letter to you yet because I never really had time to but when I read FM #37, I felt I had to. It was fabulous!

PAUL SZAUTER Youngstown, O. After reading issue #37, I feel that it is my duty as a loyal FM fan to inform you that after 7 years of experience you managed somebow to produce # both

managed somehow to produce # bomb. If it's good ideas you want I've got some dandies. A feature story about Geo. Pal's masterpieces, hi-lited by a cover painting of the head of # Morlock! (Sounds like a good possibility for the future.) If you really want to do us readers a favor, reprint the article of THE WAR OF THE WORLDS which was featured in one of your earlier issues.

What ever happened to SPACEMEN? It hasn't been scrapped, has it? Such a great mag doesn't deserve such a fate. (We assumed—wrongly, and it was a costly error—that all lovers of filmonsters would like SPACEMEN as well. If you manufactured a car, and every time you sold that model you lost money, how long would you continue it? A magazine is a product and it has I'm produce # living for its publisher, editor & others involved or else it can't continue. SPACE-MEN was very popular with m fanatic few but unfortunately not enough to make it a paying proposition. A hundred letters raving about how great your mag-azine is won't put any butter on your bread when the majority of your copies are being returned unsold, unread, If YOU were a publisher or editor you would be unimpressed by letters telling you how much superior some other publication is when that magazine only manages to come out once or twice a year to your 12 times or, like World Famous Crea-12 times or, like World Famous Creatures, Fantastic Monsters A. Things, Shriek, Certificate X, Screen Chills, Screen Thrills, etc., is no longer being published. Let's put it this way: anybody out there who's put it this way: anybody out there who a a millionaire with money to burn, who'd like to pay me a good salary to edit SON OF SPACEMEN or REAL ADULT



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MONSTER MOVIES or GENUINELY GROWUP HORROR PICTURES or SERIOUS FANTASCIENCE CINEMA, and doesn't mind losing \$5,000 an issue, contact me at once and I'll gladly help you throw your money away—FJA)

I hope my letter didn't sound too harsh and if it offended anyone I'm very sorry. STEVE BADGLEY Belleville, Ont., Canada

You didn't hurt OUR feelings, Steve.
 And we were glad to have the opportunity to explain something which has been bugging a small but vocal minority.
 IS DODD SO?

This idea about having a serious monster mag is absurd! Why, the idea! The only books that are serious are Algebra, Spanish & World History. If you get too serious, nobody will buy you, including me. When I read an issue of one of your monster mags I can relax because it isn't all so-so. Now this is what I think, I don't know what other people's opinions are but this is mine.

CHAS. DODD

Raymondville, Tex.

HOW TO HURT A GUY

Editor speaking: Several years ago I drove 8700 miles back & forth across the USA, nite & day for 5 weeks meeting monster fans. In Washington, DC, I met what seemed to me an especially nice young man, talented too. I believe I ran his picture in one of my magazines, gave his club a plug, subscribed to his amateur publication. I thought I did everything possible to establish a pleasant realtionship with him but apparently I failed because the other day I received the latest issue of his fanzine and in the editorial he wrote: "Can it be that the smilling moonbeam of sci-fi, the egobooster of unequalled nerve, our own beloved Forry Ackerman, is slowly sinking on the distant horizon? Within the past few months I have received a number of statements to this effect and some out-and-out declarations of Anti-Ackermanism



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from fans. The most significant fact of this hint of a trend is that many of them have come from the younger set. Most of us realize the quality of FM has been steadily declining over the past 2 years and its companion, MW, lacks much, but when the little monster-lovers and Forryworshippers start to turn their backs on their hero it means something is happening. It will be interesting to watch and see what happens in the months to come." I'm sorry if the camera always catches me smiling but I've a lot to be happy about. However, I must confess old Chief Smiling Moonbeam more resembled Chief Frowning Cloud after this little ray of sunshine. The inhumanness of human nature never ceases to baffle me. But enough of self-pity and on to more pretty topics.

THIS GUY'S GOTTA BE OUT OF HIS GOURD

May I congratulate you on the fabulously fine work you have done and are doing in the field of sci-fi film mags, and for creating the bridge betweens pros & fans with your magazine! You have popularized sci-fi & fantasy to an unbelievable extent, as viewed from the infinite series of monster themes in toys, games, moders, 17, has never had it so good!
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You know, of course, Will, that no one-except you-will ever believe that I didn't make this letter up to make myself look good.



MOTION PUKE-TURES?

Is it true that BLOOD FEAST & 2000 MANIACS won Academy Awards?

> MIKE GOODMAN Fresno, Calif.

 At the time of answering your question I haven't seen 2000 MANIACS and I haven't quite recovered from BLOOD FEAST. All I can say is, from opinions that reach me, if either picture has won an award, it must have been an Ugh-Scar Award from the Academy for the Prevention of Cruelty to Horror Film Fans.—FJA

As this is the first fan letter I have ever written I've decided to choose the best magazine in the world to write to. (In fairness we must point out that this reader's letter was addressed IN LIFE magazine but somehow was misdelivered by the post office to us.) I would like to discuss particular issue, #37, which

I have just fingered—er, clawed thru.
The first article, including the cover
painting, "20 Million Miles to Earth",
was xint. The best articles in the issue were on Lugosi & Karloff, I certainly appreciate these interesting yet informative interviews. The Laughton picture of the Hunchback was superb! BLOOD BEAST was total waste in make-up & acting.
THE SKULL and VILLAGE OF THE GIANTS seemed too short. Even the you gave an xint rendition of FIEND WITH-OUT A FACE, I thought it was atrocious. The mystery quotes gave me e real mental workout. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm simply buried in work. KEN DAVIS

Old Bethpage, LI/NY

THANX, PAL

Any poor films previewed by the editor such as THE FLESH EATERS are not there because they are outstanding but because he is trying to bring to the readers films that have been recently released and he feels you will enjoy reading about them. He may hate the film but he is running the magazine for the filmonster fans of the world, not just himself. So when I see disgusting letters in the Fang Mail section or whatever, concerning why Ye Ed had the nerve to have such low-grade films featured in the magazine, I myself get disgusted. I hope there will be no letters of this style in the future to add to the agitation of the editor.

GLENN STIVERS Newburyport, Mass.

TESTIMONIAL

Your magazines are so good that in Nautilus Jr. High my English, Science, Math & Reading teachers let me read them in class, as long as I do my work. EDDIE RHODES & TROOP 482 Miami Beach, Fla.



And JASPER ROGERSON of Williamston, NC, ends off with: "Grrrbye!"

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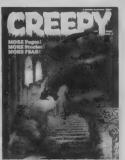
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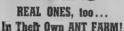
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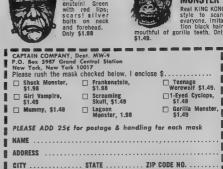
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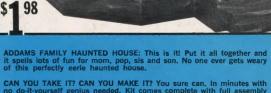
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